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**To:** Saturday, April 12, 2008 1:29 PM  
**Subject:** DOT STIP  
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STIP Comments

Dear DOT,

I am strongly against funding a road from Juneau up the Lynn Canal. The costs of the project have been grossly underestimated by two to three times. A billion dollar road to primarily service a population of only 30,000 people is ludicrous.

Federal and State funds need to be spent on upgrading and improving our ferry system and existing roads.

Specifically the Klondike Highway needs a bike lane as it has the heaviest bike traffic of any road in Alaska. This STIP upgrade has been requested for fifteen years.

As fuel prices increase, public transportation and bicycles will be the primary modes of the future.

Please plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

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